

Request for City Council Committee Action From the City Attorney's Office

Date:

July 23, 2012

To:

Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Referral to:

Subject:

Leah Anderson v. City of Minneapolis, et al.

United States District Court File No. 12-CV-1258 (RHK/JJK)

Recommendation: That the City Council approve the settlement of all claims in this case by payment of \$30,000 to Leah Anderson and her attorney from Fund/Org. 06900 1500100 145400 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

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Approved by

Susan L. Segal City Attorney

Presenter in Committee:

Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).						
Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating E	3udget.					
Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.						
Action requires use of contingency or reserves.						
Business Plan: Action is within the plan Action requires a change to plan.	,					
X Other financial impact (Explain): Fund/Org. 06900 1500100 145400						
Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.						

Community Impact

Background/Supporting Information

Plaintiff Leah Anderson brought a civil action alleging that the City of Minneapolis and its agents unlawfully entered and searched her home and caused damage to her home and personal property on March 30 & 31, 2012. These claims were expressly denied.

Assistant City Attorneys C. Lynne Fundingsland and Darla J. Boggs entered into settlement discussions with Plaintiff's counsel, Christopher J. Kuhlman, and reached a proposed settlement of all claims in the amount of \$30,000.00, including all claims for damages, attorney's fees and costs. This Office has had discussions with Deputy Chief Scott Gerlicher, and he agrees that the proposed settlement is in the best interests of the City. We therefore recommend approval by this Committee and the City Council.